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NOTICE TO MARINERS
FIRTH OF TAY

VOLUNTARY TOWAGE ENDORSEMENT

As part of an industry wide consultation the MCA have produced a Voluntary Towage Endorsement Scheme, detailed in MGN 468, published in March 2013 which allows the owners and operators of vessels engaged in towage work to demonstrate that the individuals operating the vessels are suitably experienced and competent to carry out such work.

As required by the Dundee Port Authority Order Confirmation Act 1952, all craft engaged in towage operations on the Firth of Tay are required to obtain a Port of Dundee Towage Licence prior to carrying out any towage operations.

To enable Port of Dundee to be confident that the Masters of all licensed tugs on the Tay are appropriately qualified and experienced as well as increasing the safety of navigation, all Masters of tugs holding a Port of Dundee Towage Licence will in future be required to hold a Certificate of Competency (CoC) to STCW standards or Boatmaster Licence with the appropriate towage endorsement.

The above applies to General Towage (towing and pushing), however Port of Dundee expect all tugs that engage in ship assist towage to be operated by STCW certificated masters.

Guidance in relating to the Voluntary Towage Endorsement Scheme can be found within the MCA MGN 468 (M).

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